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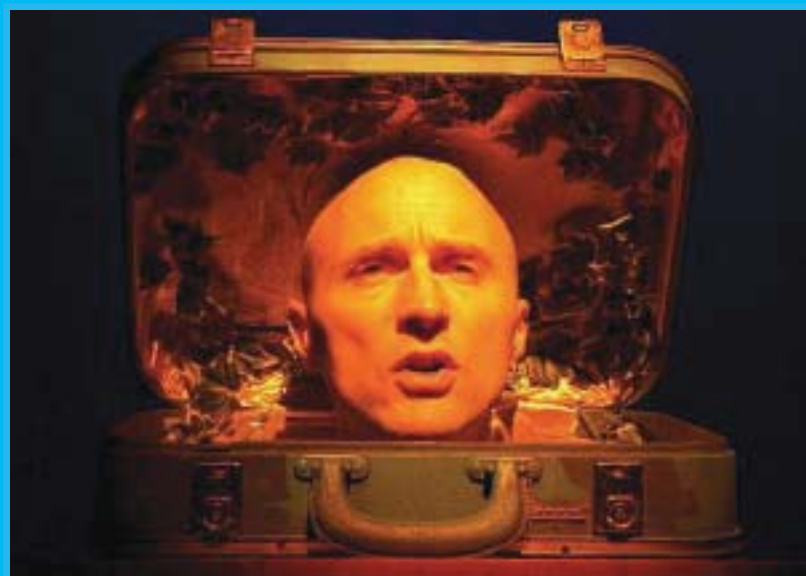
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HEAD DOWN IN THE SQUALL

The Slide Show is a play being performed at this weekend's Summer Squall, a festival being put on for the first time by Ramsgate Arts. In this spooky production, a couple are presenting a slide show on ancient Greece when they accidentally unleash a host of malevolent forces. Happily, not all the events at Summer Squall are quite so menacing and there is a fantastic range of entertainment to be enjoyed by everyone in the town over the bank-holiday weekend.

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■ BY TOM BETTS

A LEADING environmentalist has warned of the potential dangers of draining road-surface water into Pegwell Bay.

The county council's roads arm, Kent Highways, plans to drain surface water from the new East Kent Access road into the bay, whose designation as a National Nature Reserve marks it as one of the country's most valuable environmental assets.

It is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Only last autumn the Stour estuary at Pegwell and Sandwich Bay was named by the Environment Agency as among the worst 2 per cent of river sections in Britain for water quality.

Experts had announced the grim news after examining the results of a national water-resources survey showed the disastrous state of many of the country's river systems.

Dr Geoff Meaden, a former principal lecturer in geography at Canterbury Christ Church University, said that even minor changes in the environment could spark a domino effect impacting on animals and plants.

"It is often the case with road drainage that it simply goes untreated into the nearest waterway," said Dr Meaden.

"I have seen rainwater directly entering the River Stour in Canterbury via pipelines from the road and after a heavy shower this water can look disgusting."

Dr Meaden, who studies water-supply problems, said: "This 'dirty' water from the roads will receive no filtering and go straight into

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Impact of water run-off pipe can only be negative, warns environmentalist

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Pegwell Bay. It is the belief of quite a few scientists that water run-off from roads contributes quite significantly to poor river-water quality, and in this case I believe it can only have a negative effect on water quality in Pegwell Bay.

"The water should be closely monitored for quality as it enters the bay, and remedial measures immediately applied if necessary."

The road is being built to alleviate congestion and provide another link in the isle's road network.

The stage being built, phase 2, entails a new road from Stonar Cut, near the Richborough power station site, to a roundabout at Sevenscore.

There it splits in two, with one section carrying on north to a roundabout on the A299, which is being turned into a dual carriageway west to Minster roundabout.

Contamination

The second stretch of road from Sevenscore will run to the Lord of the Manor junction on the outskirts of Ramsgate.

A county council spokesman said measures such as pollution interceptors to stop contamination would be used and the effects of the water entering the bay would be "low to negligible".

Dr Meaden responded: "On average this is probably correct. But everything is relative and sometimes the discharges will probably have a quite significant impact – at least to some more vulnerable species in the bay."

"The real point is that the impacts can only be negative – it is one more source of pollution for the bay."

"In the long term it is simply unsustainable to keep dumping mankind's effluents into rivers or the sea."

The estuary is internationally important for its populations of wildfowl and waders, which rely on it for food at a time of year when sustenance can be a matter of life or death.

Thanet councillor and geologist Dr Alasdair Bruce said: "There is concern that such wildlife does not have a strong enough voice and it will only be appreciated once it has departed."



CONTAMINATION: Dr Geoff Meaden is concerned about water run-off polluting Pegwell Bay

"Estuary ecosystems are extraordinarily fragile and can be vulnerable to even minor levels of pollution – such as contamination during the winter from de-icing road salt."

"Rock salt, which is wholly alien to estuary conditions, could harm organisms that thrive in brackish water."

The outfall pipe runs from a pumping station to be built near a planned underpass at Cliffsend, just east of Foads Hill.

It passes through agricultural land north of Cliffsend Road, crosses the A256 and continues along the disused hoverport access road. The outlet will be built near the disused hoverport car-park.

The county council spokesman said: "This route was imposed upon us by the various regulatory bodies due to the sensitivities with the cliff-face, which itself is a Site of Special Scientific Interest."

Inlets are prior to the pumping station and no water will join the pipeline between there and the bay, the spokesman said.

The pipe, which is made of concrete, will discharge into Pegwell Bay as it has been deemed the closest acceptable receptor of any surface water collected.

The county council spokesman said: "Surface-water drainage from any development must be discharged to an outfall somewhere."

"The pipe to Pegwell Bay is essential due to the absence of other types of receptor in the vicinity of the pumping station."

"There is chalk strata along the

route of the proposed carriageway at the Lord of the Manor, but it is within a Zone 1 aquifer-protection zone which provides the water supply for the Isle of Thanet.

"This prevents its use as a 'soak-away' outfall. The sea is therefore the closest acceptable outfall."

The route was imposed on the county council by regulatory bodies Natural England, the Environment Agency, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Kent Wildlife Trust, the Countryside Commission and English Heritage, which all had to be consulted about the scheme.

Interceptors

The council spokesman added: "The surface-water drainage design incorporates significant control measures to prevent pollutants reaching any of the scheme's outfalls."

"These measures include the use of trapped gullies and catchpit chambers and, most importantly, there will be pollution interceptors constructed before every outfall, thereby significantly reducing the risk of contamination."

"The pollution interceptors themselves also incorporate automatic isolation valves which close the system in the event of a major spill."

However, Dr Meaden pointed to a Kent County Council report published in August 2010 that states "the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) can also contribute to reducing water pollution by reducing road run-off which is an important source of pollutants".

Wife targeted in hate campaign

SICK Robert Douglas made a publican and his wife's lives a misery for six months by bombarding them with abusive texts, letters and telephone calls.

Douglas, 58, of Trinity Square, Margate, even put cards in a newsagent's window offering Deborah Davies' services as a masseuse.

He admitted at Margate court harassing Mrs Davies and husband David of the town's Northern Belle pub. He has now been banned from going to the pub or contacting the couple ever again.

Richard Parkin, prosecuting, said Douglas started his campaign on

Boxing Day last year and carried on his vendetta until July 28.

The lighting engineer, who works at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone, had a crush on Mrs Davies but started a hate campaign when his ardour was not reciprocated.

He sent abusive texts about how regulars were running a sweep to see who would sleep with Mrs Davies – and then said the abuse would be prolonged.

But Douglas came unstuck when he put the advert in a newsagent's window as he was seen on CCTV.

The couple were able to pick him out instantly when shown by police.

He denied the harassment and then claimed he had had an affair with Mrs Davies and was jealous of her new husband.

Roger Davies, defending, said Douglas was not the only former customer spreading nasty gossip about the couple.

He said: "A number of people carried out various actions, but Mr Douglas confined himself to the written word. What he has done has caused upset. He was generally insulting and caused upset. There will be no repetition."

The case was adjourned until Friday, September 3, for sentence.

Father's memoirs relate a family wartime story

■ BY NICK AMES

CHRISTINE Cuss will never forget the night her house was reduced to rubble.

At the height of the doodlebug attacks on London during the Second World War she had taken shelter along with her parents when the air-raid warning sounded.

But, as all seemed quiet, her parents decided to make a quick trip to the family home less than 100 yards away from the bomb-shelter in west London.

"It was the night I was nearly orphaned," said Mrs Cuss, from Sandwich.

Diary

"My father didn't want to use the toilets in the shelter and my mother wanted to make a quick cup of tea.

"Then they heard the sound of the approaching missile. My mother ran back to the shelter, but my father wasn't as quick. He took shelter underneath a railway bridge.

"I can remember my mother holding me in her arms and crying. But then in came an air-raid warden with my father behind. He was alive."

When Mrs Cuss looked outside, she saw the rubble of her home and thought all the family's possessions were lost.

But they weren't.

Vital documents had been put in a case and taken into the shelter, along with a diary Mrs Cuss's father Alexander Pierce had been writing.

Now it has been put into book form and *Notes To My Daughter: A Father's Blitz Diary* has been published.

It is due to be launched today at St Clement's Church in Sandwich.

Members of veterans' groups, as well as dignitaries and Thanet South MP Laura Sandys, are all due to attend.

Mrs Cuss will be giving a presentation and then signing copies from around 3pm.

"About five or six years ago the BBC appealed for people's stories of the war," said Mrs Cuss.

"I put some together with the notes my father left me.

"He'd been compiling a diary about my early childhood from the 1930s. The book gradually took on a darker tone as the war loomed.

"When I realised how interested and moved people were, I put it all together in book form. It's a personal tale of the war – it shows what effect it had on one family.

"Soon those who lived through the war years will not be around to give their first-hand accounts, so I felt it was important to record what I'd been left for future generations."

Proceeds from the book will go to the Royal British Legion – Mrs Cuss was president of the Minster and Monkton branch for many years.

"I have to say I beat Tony Blair to that idea by a couple of days," said Mrs Cuss.

The way the Blitz hit the people of London is



MEMORIES: Christine Cuss with her father's diary and the article from *The Daily Mirror*



illustrated by the book, which shows the positive way the population responded by helping one another.

"A few days after my house was destroyed, it was my 11th birthday," said Mrs Cuss. "All the other locals got together to stage a party for me, amidst the rubble.

"The *Daily Mirror* even sent along a photographer to record the event and I've still got the newspaper."

Patients have their say on caring in NHS

WAYS to improve the health care of people on the isle are gathering pace.

Patients and carers have had the chance to talk through their experiences and say how they felt that services for five conditions – stroke, indigestion, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, abnormal vaginal bleeding and skin cancer – could be improved.

Their views were sought at a workshop organised by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent's citizens' engagement team.

It was attended by the people who buy health care for people in east Kent.

As a result of the feedback, changes are being made before the treatment that people receive is finalised.

Amanda Barnard, lead commissioner for diabetes, respiratory, renal and urology, said: "As a result of what I was told, I will be making some changes, in particular signposting to psychological services and expert patient programmes."

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Open invitation to B&B hopefuls

PEOPLE on the isle are being reminded that they can register to offer bed-and-breakfast accommodation for next year's Open Golf Championship in Sandwich.

The world's most prestigious golf tournament is being held at Royal St George's, and Dover District Council and its partners, which include Thanet council, are aiming to top-up the list of available accommodation for the event.

A new website at www.opengolfsandwich.co.uk has been launched, aiming to be a 'one-stop shop' for visitors and residents. It lists all accredited Kent hotels, guest houses and local residents willing to take in guests; it also offers travel and local area information.

There is a £60 registration fee to become a temporary accommodation provider.

Colebrook Sturrock is the official agency for property lettings over the period of the tournament.

More than 180,000 spectators, attended the Open when it was last staged in Sandwich in 2003, contributing an estimated £17.6 million to the east Kent economy.

Even more visitors are expected for the 2011 tournament, which takes place in July, and finishes on the 17th.

For further information, visit www.opengolfsandwich.co.uk or phone Dover District Council's tourism team on 01304 240477.

Leg of lamb sees Bench stewing over court case

JAILBIRD Tristan Woods stole a leg of lamb from a supermarket just six days after his release from prison, a court was told.

Woods, 36, of Newcastle Hill, Ramsgate, was picked up after a policeman became suspicious of him as he was acting furtively.

The officer chased him into a public toilet, where Woods was trapped with the £23.20 meat he had stolen from Waitrose.

Store staff were unaware of the theft until they got a call from the officer – and a CCTV check showed Woods in the act.

Richard Parkin, prosecuting, said: "On interview Mr Woods said 'I can't believe I have been so stupid.'"

Mr Parkin described Woods's criminal record as "formidable", with more than 50 offences recorded against him, mainly for petty theft and possession of Class A drugs.

Scott Neilson, defending, said Woods had struggled to overcome his drug habit, but was at last making progress.

He said: "He has no family, no home, no prospects. Most of his friends are heroin addicts, so he finds himself in a catch-22 situation."

Mr Neilson said Woods had not touched drugs in prison, but was settled in a flat. He had a £65 grant, but could not get money to furnish it.

He had gone to Waitrose to meet somebody and was tempted because he knew he could get money for the meat easily.

Mr Neilson said: "He did it on the spur of the moment so he could put money in the electricity meter.

"He's sorry for being weak enough to lapse into stealing. He's had every sentence under the sun.

"I suggest a conditional discharge so he can show he really means to change. If he offends he will go back to prison and lose his flat."

Giving Woods a conditional discharge for a year, Chairman of the Bench William Ferrier said: "There's nothing we can do with you as nothing seems to work. You have one last chance."

Councillor charged with drink-driving

THANET Tory councillor Ewen Cameron, 52, of Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, has been arrested and charged with drink-driving.

He was charged with the offence on Saturday, August 21, and will appear in court on Friday, September 10.

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Arts group puts on storming weekend

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The Ramsgate Arts Group is holding its first festival, A Summer Squall, over three jam-packed days.

A year in the making, the programme of events has been finalised and it is a varied and mixed bag. There are 35 events planned and it is hoped the range of subjects will draw thousands of visitors to the town.

The Sol Cinema, the world's smallest solar-powered cinema, will roll in to show animation, comedy and archive film of the isle's past from the Thanet Film Society.

It will be setting up for three hours at a time and showing on Sunday and Monday.

Community

For those with murder in mind, Death In Ramsgate, a play performed by new group The Squalling Players, could be for you. It takes place on board the steam-tug Cervia in the harbour and was written by Clive Holland, who will also star in the production, on Monday at 11.30am, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Mr Holland also stars in The Con Man, a twisted tale of an actor, philanderer, rebel and cheat who is mixed up in a murder. The show plays at the King's Church Hall, King's Place, King Street, on Saturday at 6pm.

In Newtonton on Saturday, the Sonic Junk Machine, a mad milk-float-like vehicle, will pull up by the green at the community centre to entertain children, while the puppet show Mouse In The House for under-fives will be showing at the centre on Saturday at 1.30pm and on Sunday at 10.30pm.

More follows on the Sunday with a performance on Harbour Parade from 1.30pm by Big Beat, who hold the record for the world's largest percussion band using instruments made out of recycled junk; the Market Squall (also Monday), featuring young

■ BY TOM BETTS

people's creative-arts exhibition Made In Thanet and a Green Futures market; and isle resident Bob Poulter's New Model Theatre showing The Buccaneer's Bride.

On Monday you can show off your literary skills at Ramsgate's Got Writing Talent, while a busy day will feature Marina Sossi Dance Theatre, The Biscuit Chronicles, Heritage Treasure Hunt Challenge and music at the Italianate Greenhouse in King George VI Park, Dumpton.

Meanwhile, Ramsgate artist Emily Tull is planning to ruffle feathers with her Disco Ducks project. She will be floating a fleet of customised rubber ducks on the boating pool at Western Esplanade on Ramsgate's Westcliff at 5pm on Monday.

Many of them Ms Turner has been making herself, but she also wants the public involved before one is selected at random to be the Diva Duck.

When it is hauled from the lake via someone's 9ft-long pole, it will earn the lucky dipper £50 prize money.

There is still time to enter your own disco duck at one of Emily's workshops (see the website below for details).

Isle cartoonist Royston Robertson, who regularly has his work featured in publications such as Private Eye and The Spectator, is also getting in on the act.

During his Back To The Drawing Board slideshow and talk, the freelance scribbler is set to shed a little light on the cartooning profession and the way he works at Ramsgate Library on Saturday at 2pm.

For a full rundown of events, as well as times, tickets and prices (although most events are free), visit www.ramsgatearts.org. Alternatively, phone 07544 971685.

The festival programme is available from many outlets in town such as Custom House, the library and other locations around the isle.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Duo's artistic combination

MINSTER will be treated to a wonderful evening on Friday when World Tree Music give a concert at the village hall.

Margate songwriting duo John and Gretchen Cornwall are hoping to create a very special evening that will also feature local artists exhibiting their art.

Gretchen said: "Holding concerts in village and church halls brings revenue to these lovely venues so they may continue to serve the people in their area."

"We are still looking for more artists, photographers or those who specialise in unique gifts to join us over the course of the concert series and we would love them to contact us."

World Tree Music's newest CD, The Rose Line, was released last month.

Tickets for the concert – which is the first of a series of six in the area – cost £7 and can be bought at www.worldtreemusic.com or on the door (phone reservations on 01843 221 622).

Heroin-user jailed for theft

JUNKIE Tomas Ferko thought he could get money by stealing toiletries from Boots but was caught red-handed by security staff.

Slovakia-born Ferko, 19, of Athlestan Road, Margate, was jailed for 40 days after he admitted stealing from the store at Westwood Cross.

Richard Parkin, prosecuting, said Ferko gave a false name when arrested and was in breach of a conditional discharge imposed by the court earlier this year.

Eleanor Dobson, defending, said her client wanted to get off heroin and did not like being in prison.

Teen will appear in court

A 16-YEAR-OLD is to appear at youth court after being charged with stealing a car radio.

It is alleged that the teenager stole the radio from a vehicle in St Luke's Road, Ramsgate, in July.

The boy, from Cliftonville, was charged on Wednesday, August 18, and will appear at court on Wednesday, September 1. He has asked for other thefts to be considered.

These relate to crimes in Artillery Road and Victorial Road, Ramsgate, and the theft of lead from St Mary Virgin Church, Church Street, Minster.

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Morning cuppa just the ticket for charity

A MACMILLAN specialist at Margate's QEQM Hospital is asking people to put the kettle on and drink to Macmillan Cancer Support next month.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning aims to raise £215,000 across the county this year – the equivalent of more than 8,958 hours of support from a Macmillan nurse.

Mary Anne Lovett, a Macmillan clinical nurse specialist, supports people affected by cancer across the isle, in partnership with the cancer-care team at the Viking Centre at the QEQM.

Ms Lovett said: "Anyone can do a coffee morning for Macmillan as it's so easy to

take part. A little cake and coffee will go a long way towards helping people living with and beyond cancer.

"The event is also a great way of bringing professionals and patients together."

"If the official date of Friday, September 24, doesn't suit, just pick another day."

"If you would rather have cocktails, smoothies or even herbal tea, choose a theme to suit you."

To register, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or phone 0845 070 1315.

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Horse chestnut trees under attack from killer diseases

■ BY ED HILL

ENVIRONMENTAL experts are warning of a disease that is killing conker trees and has echoes of the devastating infestation that wiped out thousands of elm trees some 50 years ago.

The sight of brown and diseased horse chestnut trees in the middle of summer is becoming increasingly common.

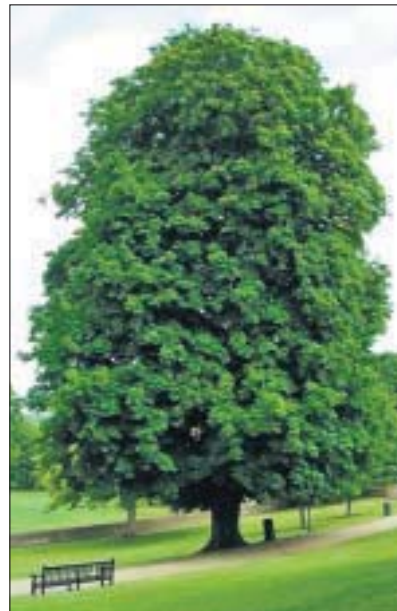
The trees, which produce conkers, are threatened by three major problems.

The most serious is bleeding canker. The symptoms appear as an orangey-brown syrup oozing from the trunk of the tree. It can also sometimes be seen in the upper branches. In serious cases the whole diameter of the trunk can be affected, leading to the tree's death in as little as three years.

Graham Majin, from the independent video company Kershmedia, near Maidstone, recently noticed the trees outside his office looked like they were dying. He decided to make a short film about the problem, showing some of the locally affected trees.

He said: "It really stood out that the trees had turned brown. After researching it, we realised it was happening all over the South East, although it does seem a bit worse in the east of the county."

Another serious problem affecting the



horse chestnut is the leaf miner moth. The insect's grubs primarily damage the leaves, causing them to turn brown and drop off prematurely.

However, it is not thought the moth ultimately kills trees and they can recover.

The tree is also affected by the leaf-blotch fungus, which although relatively harmless does cause unsightly brown marking in the foliage. Unfortunately, the problem can also look like symptoms caused by a dry summer, meaning many people at first may not realise a tree in their garden has a problem.

Mr Majin said: "We were videoing one tree near the River Medway when a local homeowner came out to ask what we were doing. They had not even realised their own tree was affected. They just thought it was drought."

The problem echoes the devastating effects of Dutch elm disease, which wiped out almost the entire UK elm population in the late 60s and early 70s.

It is also thought it could have links to another phenomenon known as sudden oak death syndrome. Despite its name, the infection attacks many types of tree and shrubs and is thought to spread rapidly through rhododendron bushes, infecting other plants.

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers based at the Singleton Environment Centre in Ashford said members had noticed the problem was increasing but they had not yet carried out a survey.

The environmental group says it is looking for more volunteers to be tree wardens who monitor woodland in their local area.

To find out how to become a warden, phone Fiona Houghton on 01233 666519 or email f.houghton@btvc.org.uk.

• To see the problems found in local horse chestnut trees, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk

Bookies robber is hunted by police

THIS is the man police want to speak to in connection with three robberies at Isle bookmakers last week.

Detectives suspect it is the same individual who has struck in Ramsgate, Birchington and Westgate-on-Sea.



He threatened staff with a knife before running off with cash in a carrier-bag.

The first incident was at Corals in Grange Road, Ramsgate, shortly after it opened on Monday, August 16, at 8.30am.

The robber was only the female teller's second 'customer' of the day. He got away with some £200.

Then, on Monday night, at about 9pm, a man went into Bet Fred in Station Road, Birchington, and demanded

money. He showed the assistant a knife and left the shop with just under £100.

And on Tuesday morning, at Corals in St Mildred's Road, Westgate, a robber did the same thing to the woman behind the counter just after 9am. This time, he made off with just over £100.

No one has been hurt in the incidents.

The suspect is described as between 20 and 40, 5ft 5in to 5ft 9in, of slim build and with gaunt features.

He was wearing a dark bomber-style jacket with a hood bearing a white stripe, light grey or beige loose-fitting combat trousers and white trainers. He wore a bobble-hat pulled down on his head.

Anyone with information is asked to phone detectives at Margate police station on 01843 222076 or 222089 or Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

DERECK SACKETT



Q What is the ethos of Thanet Roadrunners?

A Thanet Roadrunners was formed in 1982 by a group of runners to train together on a regular basis. In 1998 the club changed its name to Thanet Roadrunners Athletics Club. This happened when a junior club was also formed to coach athletics. Today, this side of the club is also very successful.

Thanet Roadrunners AC holds many road races, including 10-mile, 20-mile, half- and full marathons. The Thanet Roadrunners AC marathon is the only marathon held in Kent. The club also arranges cross-country, duathlon and multi-terrain events.

The club is a keen supporter of many charities, with profits from some races going to worthy causes. In addition, we give advice and provide assistance for charity events.

Thanet Roadrunners AC has approximately 200 members, who train regularly together. Our members are both men and women from a range of different ability levels. All coaches are also Criminal Records Bureau-checked.

Q What is your role at the club?

A I am currently the vice-chairman and head coach at Thanet Roadrunners AC. I am a Level 2 multi-discipline coach with 12 years' experience. I am also a Level 5 cross-country and road-race official and a qualified first-aider. In 1999 I was awarded Thanet Sport

Council's Sports Person of the Year and in 2007 was a highly-commended Kent Volunteer.

Q How long have you been involved with the club?

A I joined Thanet Roadrunners three months after it was founded in 1982. In the past 27 years, I have held most of the committee posts at one stage or another and was previously chairman for seven years.

Q Why would you encourage someone to start running?

A I would encourage people to start running as it is a great way to keep fit while also forming friendships with other members of the club. All abilities are catered for in our various training sessions, so no one should be put off taking up the sport.

Q Does Thanet have enough people involved in running?

A In my opinion, no. However, it is becoming better supported. This is helped with events such as Race For Life and The Sports Relief Mile being staged in the area.

Q Do you think people can take up running at an advanced age, or is it a young person's sport?

A People of any age can take up running. Thanet Roadrunners AC has many members over 60 and we all really enjoy ourselves.

Some of our more mature runners are also ranked in the National Championships.

Q What do you enjoy about the sport?

A We have enjoyable training sessions, which are fun but hard work. You also have your own goals, such as personal bests for time and distance, and these are motivational. Unfortunately, I'm not able to run due to a knee injury, but I can still be seen cycling with the club on training runs.

Q Who is your sporting hero?

A My hero has to be Daley Thompson, an all-round athlete. He competed for England in decathlons. He has many medals of all colours and has held world records. To me, he is an inspiration to all, with his high level of dedication to the sport.

Q What drives you to continue with the club?

A For me, a real driver is coaching both juniors and seniors to achieve their goals. To see it all come together for the athlete and for them to be so happy in what they do and achieve makes all the hard work worthwhile.

• See www.thanetroadrunners.org.uk or phone Derek Sackett on 07747 117700 for training times and venues

Q & A

Reporter **Tom Betts** talks to the 64-year-old vice-chairman and head coach with the Thanet Roadrunners Athletics Club about why the sport is accessible to all ages and abilities and how you can get involved

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Lifeboat station invites you to come along and celebrate a brave and impressive history

Saving lives at sea for 150 years

GENERATIONS of volunteers who put their lives at risk for others are being recognised as part of the 150-year anniversary of Margate lifeboat station.

Crew and supporters are preparing to mark the milestone with a day of activities centred on the harbour on Sunday (August 29), commending the courage of those who manned the town's RNLI station throughout the years.

Entertainment will take place throughout the day, with a fly-past from the Red Arrows and an appearance from Kent Air Ambulance.

Margate's two lifeboats, together with a third from Ramsgate, will carry out a rescue display in the harbour, and organisers also hope to have a restored historic lifeboat on show either in the harbour or on the Main Sands.

Food and craft stalls will be available, and between 1pm and 9pm live music will be playing in the town's piazza.

Later in the year a formal ceremony will take place when a 150th-anniversary framed velum will be presented to the station.

Paul Hodson, lifeboat operations manager at Margate, said it was an important year for the station to commemorate the commitment and sacrifice of generations of volunteer lifeboat crews.

He also praised the supporters who helped maintain the traditions of the lifeboat service.

"When we look at the pictures and artefacts chronicling our station history we all feel extremely proud and privileged to be involved



QUIVER No.1: Stationed at Margate between 1883 and 1898



ELIZA HARRIET: Stationed at Margate from 1898 to 1927



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in maintaining what is an important part of the community," he said.

"It is the special nature of the RNLI, with its unique voluntary ethos and relying totally on public donations that inspires our crews, fundraisers and supporters to serve the local as well as the wider seafaring community."

The station opened in April 1860, ensuring sea rescue was available throughout the day and night.

It provided continuous service throughout the Second World War – one of the station's busiest periods in its history – mainly rescuing pilots of crashed aircraft.

One such pilot was rescued and it was discovered he was a descendant of Sir William Hillary, founder of the lifeboat institution.

In May 1940, the lifeboat the Lord Southborough took part in the evacuation of troops from the beaches of Dunkirk.

Other major rescues during the 150 years of service include an incident in 1999 following



LEONARD KENT: Stationed at Margate from 1992 until now

a collision between a cruise-liner and a container ship.

Margate lifeboat station currently has two lifeboats, the all-weather Leonard Kent and the inshore lifeboat Tigger. There are 31 volunteer crew members, plus a full-time



TIGGER THREE: Inshore lifeboat at Margate from 2008 to now

mechanic, who make up the operational team, with commercial fisherman Trevor Lamb as coxswain.

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Visiting brothers attacked in dispute with group who got angry over taxi

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an assault on two brothers in Ramsgate.

The pair, aged 21 and 25 and from Shropshire and Scotland respectively, were in Thanet for a family wedding with their parents.

They had approached a taxi in Harbour Parade between 2.30am-3am on Sunday, August 15, to take them where they were staying.

The younger brother, who was sitting in the taxi while his brother went to fetch their mother and father, got into a disagreement with a group of some 15 men who took exception to him holding the cab.

He was headbutted and punched by one man, while another punched his brother when he returned to the taxi.

The 21-year-old suffered a cut to his cheek

and bruising. The 25-year-old suffered a fractured jaw, cheek and arm. Both went treated at hospital.

It is believed the thugs were with a group on a stag night dressed as lifeguards in yellow T-shirts and red shorts.

One of the attackers was wearing the outfit. He is described as white, aged about 30, 5ft 10in, bald and stocky. The other is also white, aged between 21-27, 5ft 8in, skinny, with dark wavy hair and clean-shaven.

He was wearing dark jeans and a dark top.

Anyone with information is asked to phone police on 01622 690690, quoting crime reference number EY/012852/10. Ask for DC Diane Francklin at Margate police station.

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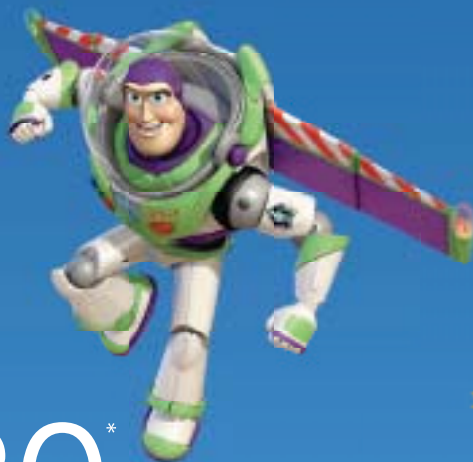
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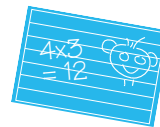


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HIGH ACHIEVERS: Hartsdown Technology College pupils celebrate after getting their A-level results; Michelle Druce and Lauren Cheshire receive the good news; and Joshua Lowe and Belinda Thompson with their results papers (next page)

High emotion as students excel

IT was a nervous time for thousands of isle students on Thursday last week as the A-level results came out.

Sixth-formers and college students made their way to their places of learning to discover how they had done, and it was largely good news.

For students such as Michelle Druce and Lauren Cheshire, it was a good day.

The pair attend Margate's Hartsdown Technology College, where a scene typical of most isle schools played out as students turned up to learn their fate.

■ BY TOM BETTS

Michelle, 18, said: "I've got just what I wanted, so I'm really pleased with how I've done."

"I got a two Cs for double science and an A for health and social care. This should enable me to go to Canterbury Christ Church University to study diagnostic radiography."

Happy

"I'm very happy, but I'll be sad to leave school for good as I've really enjoyed my time here. I'm looking forward to telling my parents now – I think they'll be over the moon."

Friend Lauren Cheshire, also 18, is off to

find an agent in London as she pursues a career in the performing arts and looks for auditions.

"I'm very excited but also scared," she said.

Lauren scored two distinctions in performing arts and one in international cuisine.

Meanwhile, Joshua Lowe, 18, and Belinda Thompson, 18, were beaming.

Joshua, who got an A, a B and a C, said he was now hoping to go to university to study history after doing better than expected.

Belinda scored an A in health and social care, an A in international cuisine and an E in maths.

She admitted she was upset to leave the school and her friends and teachers.

Hartsdown's head of sixth form Sharon Buchanan said: "I'm absolutely delighted with these results – they are just reward for the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shown by our students and staff."

"Once again there is a high proportion of students heading for university and further education, which is especially pleasing as we have expanded our range of courses, some of which have been examined for the first time this year."

Subjects

Hartsdown candidates recorded 100 per cent pass rates in a range of subjects including English literature, business studies, health

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and social care, ICT and performing arts.

Science students did exceptionally well, with 12 out of 13 passing at their required level.

Across the isle, at the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate, a pass rate of 98 per cent in A-levels or equivalent matched the achievements of last year's students.

More than 60 per cent of leavers from the academy's upper-sixth form are expected to get a univer-

sity place despite cuts in intake.

Others are likely to find places at colleges, apprenticeships and employment.

This year marked the first time that Marlowe Academy students had taken straight A2-level GCEs and they have acquitted themselves well, said principal Ian Johnson.

He said: "It is a pleasing range of academic and vocational qualifications from our students."

All ages secure grades

AT Thanet College, AS- and A-level results were up on last year.

There was a 90 per cent pass rate at AS-level and 91.7 per cent at A2-level.

A spokesman said: "With 100 per cent of students passing in some subjects, most will progress to the university of their choice."

Principal Graham Razey was delighted. He said: "Our students have performed extremely well this year, in particular Rosalind Nelson, a mature student, who achieved an A grade in AS English while working full-time and Curtis McCarthy, who achieved three B grades while overcoming challenging personal circumstances."

Sue Houston, A-level course leader, said: "AS photography was particularly successful, with 50 per cent of students gaining



SUCCESSFUL: Thanet College students

grades of A or B. This result is particularly impressive considering many are mature students who have been away from education for several years."

Many students who received their AS results will continue to study with the college to gain their full A2 qualifications in English, psychology and sociology from September 2010.

London arts production

PERFORMING-arts students from Ramsgate will have international exposure for their work at the first-ever London Fringe Festival this summer.

Original work written, produced, designed and directed by Clarendon House Grammar School drama and theatre studies students, will be premiered to the arts world at

the Phoenix Artist Club in Soho on Saturday, August 28.

Department head Madeleine Lewis said: "Working under our fledgling company name NutMeg, the two pieces – A Star Shone Bright and A Sweet Letter From God To Man – will be on stage from 6pm."

"To perform at an event of this magnitude is unprecedented for a school in Thanet."

"I am so proud and excited about this that I could climb on to the roof of the drama studio and shout it out!"



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YOUR LETTERS

Display of ignorance leaves us all gloomy

What happened to the weekly fireworks display at Viking Bay, Broadstairs, on Wednesday last week?

Apparently they were not 'scheduled' to take place that night, but no one seemed to be aware of this until after they got there.

Certainly we were a bit put out by it. There were quite a few disgruntled families and groups of teenagers left hanging around for something that wasn't going to happen.

I thought this was meant to be a summer attraction held during August to keep people spending in the bars, pubs and restaurants?

The only Wednesday exempt from the display is the one that falls during Folk Week, but other than that we were led to believe displays would be held on all other Wednesdays in the month.

What a shame and a nuisance the town council, or whoever else is responsible, did not publicise well enough in advance which displays would be shown when, instead of raising our expectations and our time.

Oh well, at least it got everyone into the pubs to drink, for lack of anything else to do.

What a message that sends to the disaffected youth of today.

Disgusted James
Broadstairs

Task force's chance to regenerate area

I welcome the news a special task force has been set up to spearhead the regeneration of Cliftonville West and Margate Central wards.

Years of economic decline and the impact of the recession have led to a massive concentration of poverty and deprivation in these areas.

In fact, 25 per cent of our clients at Thanet Citizens Advice Bureau come from the task force area, which indicates just how difficult life can be for people who live there.

Hopefully, by improving housing, attracting new investment and providing better services, the downward spiral of deprivation might be reversed and residents will be able to enjoy better standards of living.

Having said that, I would like to sound a note of caution.

There are many vulnerable people living in the task-force area who may end up losing out, or being treated unfairly, as a result of the major changes that will be taking place.

These people need support and advice so they are not excluded.

The only way to do this is for the powers-that-be to engage with the local community and voluntary organisations working in the area to ensure that change proceeds on the basis of consensus and fairness.

Perhaps this might be a unique opportunity for Thanet council and

yourblogger

Gary Wright questions the current obsession with getting a university education



WHY do so many people HAVE to go to university, and why was there so much upset last Thursday?

Surely no parent, or adult, can advise an 18-year-old that he or she is doing the right thing by studying, say, history of art, knowing that they'll leave with a £20,000 debt and poor employment prospects.

Our education system is in trouble. For too long, successive governments have used the university system to ensure thousands of youngsters don't appear on unemployment figures.

Once upon a time, uni meant something. For most of the 20th century, it actually meant you were from a privileged background and you got three years of punting and partying before you left to command the oiks.

But during the 60s and 70s university-education entry was widened a little. The undergraduate was in the main hairy, a bit smelly and thought LSD and marijuana were a vital part of the thought process, but they largely went on to contribute to our society (or, in the case of doctors, emigrate).

In the 80s, Britain embraced the 'greed is good' philosophy, and who gave a toss about personal development when East End lads earned millions in the City without a qualification to their name? So the whole university system got a bit shaky.

Then, with the spectre of increasing unemployment in the early 90s (remember how bad we all thought that recession was?), it seemed like a good idea to keep kids in school for as long as possible.

Polytechnics were allowed to become universities in 1992, ending work-orientated courses, and uni became

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the Margate task force to develop a major regeneration project based on the coalition government's Big Society model. We at Thanet CAB would certainly want to be part of such an approach.

Ian Driver
Thanet District Citizens Advice Bureau



Time to exercise our brains, councillor?

While driving to work I heard Thanet councillor Chris Wells (above) talking excitedly on county radio about the task force that will hopefully set about tackling some of the many issues affecting Margate and Cliftonville.

Referring to the low life-expectancy experienced in these wards, Cllr Wells told the county's eager listeners that lack of exercise

contributed to the problems of the area's residents.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I learnt that Thanet council cabinet – on which Cllr Wells sits – had backed a housing development that will gobble up a green in that very area.

Even less space for the benighted residents to exercise, then.

Only in the strange, wacky world of Thanet council, eh?

Mick Davies
Broadstairs

Blast from the past is good for our future

As people may be becoming aware, the Roman Villa archaeology dig on Folkestone's East Cliff has begun as part of a wider project.

It is a great experience, especially as it's on a community-involvement basis.

To date an increasing number of locals and tourists have been visiting the site, with some becoming involved as volunteers.

Furthermore, a number of trenches have been opened, under the supervision of the professionals, so that people can get some hands-on experience of such activities.

Usually on such a dig you have to look through slots in surrounding hoardings.

Those who have already become involved have been helping with things from digging to cleaning finds or doing research about the

site and area, as well as talking to visitors.

So far, finds have included artefacts from the prehistoric through to the Roman era via the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and so are providing a fascinating further insight into east Kent's history.

With history and archaeology programmes on the TV and radio increasing in number, this sort of event, which will extend over the next two years and further around Folkestone, will further foster even more interest in our local, and maybe the country's, antecedents.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Sounds like a usual problem for Thanet

The problem with the Manston noise monitor (last week's story 'Council flight noise monitor out of action') is it went deaf – it caught it from Thanet councillors who are all deaf to the pleas of residents who complain about night flights.

Stargazer
Comment left on www.kentnews.co.uk

A fruitful coalition?

Perhaps Infratil and Thanet council should combine efforts with each other and call the new organisation 'Infertile'. Neither of them seem able to produce much!

Robster
Comment left on www.kentnews.co.uk

Help charity to run cancer out of town

I urge people on the isle to take part in the Great South Run this year to raise money for World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF).

The 10-mile run in Portsmouth is a fantastic event and this year it will be held on Sunday, October 24. As well as being a tough challenge, it is also a lot of fun and there will be a fantastic atmosphere.

And if people take part in support of WCRF, all the money they raise will help us continue our cancer-prevention work in funding research and raising awareness that about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented through diet, physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight.

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To take part in the Great South Run for WCRF, call 020 7343 4205 or email running@wcrf.org by Friday, September 10.

Sian Fraser
World Cancer Research Fund

Renewable energy can keep costs low

If new Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Chris Huhne is true to his word, then every town hall in Kent could become a mini power station.

The energy minister has announced plans that will allow councils to install renewable-energy power-units such as wind turbines, solar panels and other forms of natural-energy power and to feed the power into the National Grid for a cash return.

The money generated could be used to limit council-tax increases. Kent Green Party welcomes this move in principle.

The legal ban on councils supplying electricity imposed in 1976 was absurd.

Removing this barrier would mean that each council in Kent and Medway would no longer have to work through other organisations to generate power but could now press on directly with developing money-saving schemes.

Several councils have already developed renewable-energy schemes that can generate more than 600,000kwh of wind, tidal or solar energy locally, but the present Local Government Act prevents local councils from selling electricity not produced alongside heat.

Kent Green Party is concerned that Mr Huhne's proposal may be watered down after lobbying from the energy companies which fear real competition.

Prior to 1948, local council-produced gas and electricity was commonplace in England.

There is also a general problem of scarce funds for such investment given excessive cuts already imposed upon and planned for local government.

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Chef cooking up a tasty way to help the flood victims

THE Ambrette restaurant in Margate is holding special cookery demonstrations next month to help raise money for the Pakistan flood-relief effort.

Dev Biswal, executive chef of The Ambrette (formerly the Indian Princess), is to cook North West Frontier dishes at a series of pop-up kitchens along the isle coast in aid of Pakistan flood-relief.

The Michelin-listed fine Indian dining venue had been planning a two-month fund-raising promotion to benefit the Restaurants Against Hunger charity appeal in the autumn, but following the catastrophic floods in north-west Pakistan it was decided that more urgent action was needed.



HELPING THE HUNGRY:

Top isle chef Dev Biswal

is to cook North West Frontier dishes at a series of pop-up kitchens along the isle coast in aid of Pakistan flood-relief.

Mr Biswal decided that with thousands of hungry holidaymakers heading for the isle's beaches during the holidays, a series of pop-up cookery demonstrations would make ideal fund-raising events.

"Rather than just make a donation or rattle a collecting tin, I also want to do something that will draw attention to these people's plight.

"The cooking style and spices of this area of the country bordering Afghanistan are very distinctive."

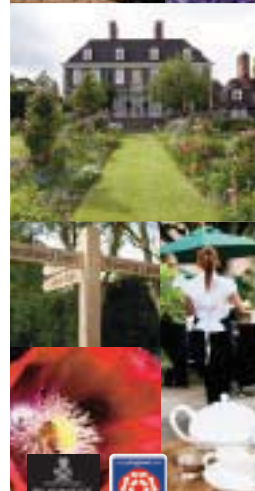
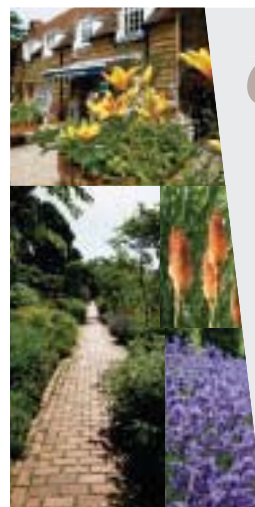
Mr Biswal will be serving such typical Pashtun dishes as lamb shish kebabs, beef chapli, chicken pilau and Pashwari naans, with proceeds going to the Red Cross and the Disasters and Emergency Committee (DEC).

The pop-up sessions will be dependent on the weather. For times and locations, check the website www.theambrette.co.uk.

The Ambrette will also be supporting the Restaurant Against Hunger cause by donating £1 each time a customer orders zebra steak or Nile perch throughout September and October.

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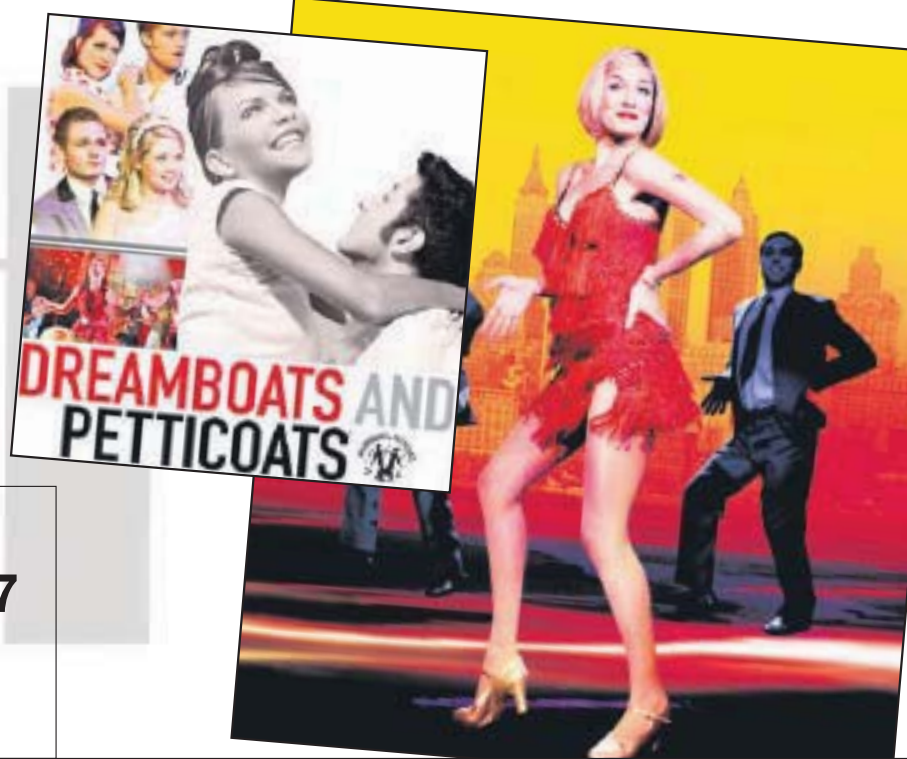

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The concert takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday and the band will lead a pre-show African drumming, music and dance workshop at 6.30pm, which is included in the admission price. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £26 for families of four.

The season continues with a sparkling array of comedy talent. Long-established performers such as Julian Clary, Jenny Eclair, Rich Hall and Felix Dexter will be visiting, along with newer stars such as Isy Suttie, Alun Cochrane, Russell Kane, Greg Davies and Lee Nelson.

After performing more than 100 sold-out shows across the UK, Australia and New Zealand, Julian Clary has extended his Lord of the Mince tour and, at the age of 50, is celebrating 25 years in the spotlight.

Jenny Eclair has also turned 50 and is marking the occasion by showing off the youthful vigour in her latest show, Old Dog New Tricks.

Music

From September 3 to 5, Quarterhouse takes part in a festival of ska music. During the Folkestone Skabour Festival, the venue will host concerts by The Beat, Arthur Kaye and The Originals, and Intensified.

Other highlights this autumn include Dub Pistols, the Beatles, Blues and Blue Violin Project, Oxjam and Bluesky Pie Nights and folk roots star Seth Lakeman.

Other performers include Cancer Bats, Trash Talk, 3 Daft Monkeys, The Fugitives, Pama International, The Floyd Effect and Oysterband Acoustic.

Families have plenty to enjoy as Quarterhouse plays host to some captivating children's shows as part of the monthly Fizz Family Sundays. Young audiences can look forward to The Amazing Bubble Man, Twinkle Twinkle, How the Koala Learnt to Hug and A Little Bird Told Me. Before each show, children can get involved in free creative workshops.

There will be an audience with cricket commentator Henry 'Blowers' Blofeld and an evening of magic, organised by the Friends of the Marlowe. The Shakespeare Schools Festival brings its 10th anniversary celebra-



TOP ENTERTAINMENT: Julian Clary, Kasai Masai and Jenny Eclair



tion to Folkestone in October and four local schools will perform each night.

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CAMBRIDGE TOURING THEATRE

Friday, August 27 & Saturday, August 28,
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FAMILY fun is in store as Cambridge Touring Theatre brings its latest vibrant show to Kent later this week.

Robin Hood promises to be a highly entertaining outdoor production, staged in two beautiful settings. Whether singing and dancing, stealing sandwiches or spraying the audience with water, the company is sure to provide an evening of unforgettable entertainment. Find out what happens when Robin Hood retreats to Sherwood Forest with his loyal followers as they wait for their chance to defeat the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham.

The company also runs 45-minute workshops for children aged five to 12, introducing them to some of the characters in Robin Hood and taking them on an adventure through the forest.

Robin Hood can be seen at Strode Park in Herne Bay at 6.30pm on Friday and at St Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury at 5pm on Saturday. To book tickets for the Herne Bay show, call 01227 373292 or call 0843 208 0500 to book for the Canterbury performance. For more information, visit www.cambridgetouringtheatre.co.uk.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Sunday, August 29 & Monday, August 30,
Mount Ephraim Gardens, Faversham

EXPERIENCE the fun of Shakespeare in an accessible way when The Pantaloons return to Mount Ephraim Gardens.

This bank holiday weekend, the acclaimed outdoor theatre company will be staging a family production of Much Ado About Nothing, bringing the Bard's witty lines to life with the help of a few contemporary twists.

Using live music, audience interaction and slapstick comedy, The Pantaloons make clowning a central part of the show and promise to put a smile on every-

one's face. With contemporary references and plenty of laughs, the show makes the play accessible to audiences of all ages.

Formed in 2004, the theatre company aims to appeal to everyone, from young children and teenagers to veteran fans of the Bard.

Audiences are invited to bring a picnic, seating and appropriate clothing and enjoy this much-loved comedy in a lovely outdoor setting. Performances start at 7pm on Sunday and 2.30pm on Monday.

FARMING WORLD

Thursday, August 26 to Monday, August 30
Farming World, Boughton

VISIT the Wild West and celebrate the harvest as Farming World's summer family events continue.

On Thursday, visitors are invited to go along dressed as cowboys, cowgirls or Indians and prepare for high noon on the frontier.

There will be lots of thrilling fun lined up when the teams go head to head between 1pm and 3pm, as they each strive for victory in the Wild West-themed challenges, such as line dancing and water-pistol shoot-outs.

On Friday, resident falconer Sharon Hollens will be offering the chance to visitors to try flying a bird of prey. There will also be the opportunity to meet Woody (pictured), the baby American kestrel at the Hawklands Bird of Prey Centre.

From Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, it will be harvest time on the farm and the impressive Davidson Threshing Machine will be harvesting the corn in traditional style. Visitors can see the vintage machinery, built in the early 1900s, in action as it is powered by a steam engine.

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CELEBRITY CRICKET MATCH

Saturday, August 28, St Lawrence Cricket Ground, Canterbury

CELEBRITIES and sports stars step up to the crease this weekend to raise money for the new Marlowe Theatre.

The cricket match will see an International XI – featuring former Kent and England player Chris Cowdrey (pictured), his brother Graham and others such as Dean Headley, Matthew Fleming, Martin McCague, Neil Taylor and Richard Ellison – take on the Stage Cricket Club XI, comprising actors from Casualty, The Archers and the West End production of Blood Brothers.

The match ball will arrive in spectacular style when five members of the Tigers, the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment's parachute display team, drop in just before the Thirty30 match starts at 2.30pm.

Other entertainment includes an under-12s Kwik cricket competition in the morning, fairground rides, birds of prey and bouncy castles.

Before the match, there will be a celebrity luncheon and an auction with Chris Cowdrey.

Tickets for the day cost £15 for adults, £10 for Kent members and £1 for children. Admission to the luncheon costs £65 per person, or £600 for tables of 10, and includes entry to the cricket match. To book, call 01227 787787.



LA RONDE

Thursday, August 26 to Sunday, August 29,
Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

FROM the lowest levels of society to the aristocracy, a variety of romantic liaisons are explored in La Ronde.

The next production in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season is Arthur Schnitzler's black comedy, set in Vienna at the turn of the 19th Century. In a new English version, adapted by the show's director Michael Friend, four actors bring a multitude of characters to life in this exploration of class ideology and sexual morals.

A broad cross-section of society is represented in this explosive story, which sees characters loving and parting, consoling and betraying. When love is the prize on offer, who will tell the truth?

The play was controversial when it was first performed in the early 1900s, but it has since been adapted a number of times.

Performances start at 7.30pm on Thursday, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday, and 6.30pm on Sunday.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book, call the box office on 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk to reserve.



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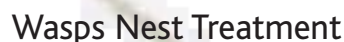
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Don't expect Stallone's explosive action reunion to blow you away

■ BY DAMON SMITH

BRAWN triumphs over brains in Sylvester Stallone's explosive adventure that shoehorns some of the biggest names of the movie action genre into one preposterous, all-guns-blazing film.

And shoehorn is a good description because there is so much gym-honed, rippling muscle on display here, you can barely see the background or supporting cast in some of the shots.

Admittedly, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal are nowhere to be seen – presumably both were too busy headlining their latest straight-to-DVD thrillers.

However, Stallone has assembled an impressive array of gun-toting beefcakes past and present, casting himself in the plum role of the steely mercenary with the heart of gold, who vanquishes evil in the name of love.

The highlight is a scene in a church in which Stallone's hero and his rival Trencher (Arnold Schwarzenegger) meet to compete for a contract from the mysterious Mr Church (Bruce Willis).

"Give the job to my friend here. He loves playing in the jungle," deadpans Arnie, referring to Stallone's gung-ho exploits as Rambo.

"What's his problem?" asks Church.

"He wants to be President," quips Stallone. It's all downhill from there.

Mercenaries

Barney Ross (Stallone) is the leader of a band of mercenaries known as The Expendables – guns for hire with the firepower and resources to accomplish the jobs that seem impossible.

These hard men are hired to overthrow General Giza (David Zayas), who rules the small island of Vilena with an iron fist.

Barney is joined by the usual suspects: former SAS operative Lee Christmas (Jason



DEMOLITION MEN: Sylvester Stallone, Jet Li, Randy Couture, Terry Crews and Jason Statham as the Expendables

Statham), martial arts master Yin Yang (Jet Li), weapons specialist Hale Caesar (Terry Crews), demolitions expert Toll Road (Randy Couture) and combat veteran Gunnar Jensen (Dolph Lundgren).

The team infiltrates the island but Barney and the gang soon discover that Gaza isn't the only enemy on Vilena: rogue CIA agent James Monroe (Eric Roberts) and his hulking bodyguard Paine ('Stone Cold' Steve Austin) are pulling the strings.

To add to the team's problems, Barney falls for the charms of the General's feisty daughter Sandra (Giselle Itie), who is nothing like her cruel old man.

So when she is taken hostage by Monroe, the smitten team leader risks everything to save the woman he loves.

The Expendables does everything you expect as loudly and brashly as possible, like razing almost the entire nation in the name of liberty (analogies with current conflicts are completely accidental).

Stallone and Statham enjoy the lion's share of the fight sequences, the latter proving once again that he is a master at delivering limp dialogue in monotone.

Lundgren enjoys one of his meatiest roles in years and there is a bruising hand-to-hand fight sequence for Li, who quips at one point: 'Because I'm smaller, I have to work harder'.

The script, co-written with Dave Callaham, gives a cursory nod to characterisation, but really it's all about the big bangs and outrageous destruction, and Stallone's film has that in abundance.



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HOME MOVIE BUFFS: Kirsty Wark and Dan Cruickshank look at images of the past



YOUR TV REVIEW

THE HOME MOVIE ROADSHOW: BBC4, 9pm, Friday

■ BY ED HILL

THERE once was a time when the words "Would you like to watch my holiday video?" filled any guest with dread.

The prospect of spending hours in a darkened room watching images of your host in his Speedos meant a quick excuse to leave was required.

But the Home Movie Roadshow, currently being screened on BBC4, has given the humble home flick a new lease of life.

The footage taken from the last 100 years gives a fascinating insight into the past through the images shot not by professionals but by the public.

The programme is a joint project with the BBC and the British Film Institute.

So far it has unearthed the earliest wedding ceremony ever recorded in the UK. The 1905 nuptial was a grand baronial affair in Scotland.

There have also been images of the last days of the Raj and a record of life in Chingford over the last 50 years.

In the first programme, a local man shot intriguing images of Princess Diana making a hospital visit with Prince Charles just after they were married. The Prince's discomfort at her attracting all the attention by the public can clearly be seen.

To add a little glamour we are also shown some of the home movies of the stars of the screen.

So far we have seen Spike Milligan relaxing with his family, although he appeared to be very much like his on-screen persona. There have also been shots of the Monty Python team playing football with a rolled up newspaper rather than getting down

to work on their script.

In the last programme there were amazing shots of scuttled German battleships being refloated so a salvage company could sell them for scrap and images of packed streets in Notting Hill in the 1920s. It was nothing to do with the carnival but a funeral procession after a pub fire in which many locals were killed.

The programme is presented by Kirsty Wark and the too enthusiastic Dan Cruickshank.

Mr Cruickshank's love of the past may be infectious, but the symptoms appear to leave you a gibbering idiot sitting on a sofa.

A lot of the footage has no sound, so the viewer's attention is drawn to every movement or expression. It also captures something a photo never can – the way people walk, talk and interact with each other.

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Venue continues to pull in top acts



ECLECTIC MIX: Australian CW Stoneking brings his blues/jazz set to The Farmhouse

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Farmhouse has opened its barn doors for its third year of business.

The popular Canterbury restaurant/live music venue has wasted no time in building upon the success of the last two years, having already secured a number of top bands to perform in the coming weeks.

First up is Christopher William 'CW' Stoneking, playing live on Thursday, September 9.

The Australian singer/song-writer has garnered a reputation as one of the world's leading purveyors of pre-war blues, jazz and 1920s calypso.

Backed by his brass band The Primitive Horn Orchestra, CW will perform everything from lonesome field holler blues, to hokum blues duets, to full-blown jungle epics.

Signed to the same label as Seasick Steve, he has every potential to go just as far.

Support comes from Kent's own Cocos Lovers, who, with their own Smugglers Record imprint and incredible work ethic, have brought their joyous folk music to people across the UK and beyond in the past year.

Horse Feathers are next up on offer on Saturday, September 11.

All the way from Portland, Oregon, Horse Feathers are using the Farmhouse to kick-off their European tour.

There is a full calendar of music planned for each and every weekend, alongside some new additions to the venue's regular nights, including the all new 'Get Your Rocks Off' where you can take part in karaoke with the backing of a full live band.

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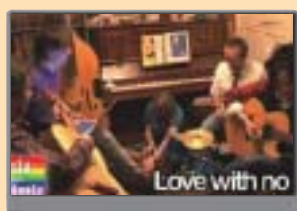
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CULTURAL VISIT: The city of Nijmegen offers the visitor history and fashion, while the circular Gecco bike (inset) takes some getting used to

yourgetaways

Expect the rides of your life through the historic Rhine

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

"I'm sure the itinerary said 'boat tour'," I thought as I furiously paddled along the river Rhine in a shaky old wooden canoe.

I was distinctly unimpressed with our mode of transportation, having associated the promised 'boat tour' with visions of a grand paddle steamer, the wind in my hair and an assortment of devilish cocktails.

Instead, I was part of an out-of-shape, out-of-sorts eight-man rowing team, led by a slightly crazed, drill sergeant-esque canoe captain.

Suffice it to say, the tortuous hour-long river row section of my four-day trip to the Lower Rhine region, beginning in Germany and ending in Holland, was not among my holiday highlights.

I'd arrived two days earlier, flying from London Stansted to Dusseldorf Weeze, West Germany.

The evening was spent relaxing in the nearby Hotel De Poort, with myself and my travel companions slowly slipping into holiday mode thanks to a leisurely plunge in the pool and a quick stint in the sauna.

The next morning our refreshed group was driven to the Skihalle Neuss, an enclosed snow park boasting a testing ski run and a slippery sledding lane for children and non-skiing but enthusiastic journalists.

After a hearty traditional Alpine lunch at the centre we moved on to the historic city of Krefeld.

The visit coincided with the city's annual fashion show, the biggest outdoor event of its kind in the world.

The more fashion-conscious members of our entourage assured me the festival was something of a big deal, however I was more than con-

tent sitting at a table in the middle of the square with an ice-cold beer.

Our last stop of the day was Kleve, most notably known through its association with Anne of Cleves, the fourth wife of Henry VIII.

We enjoyed dinner at the Restaurant Königsgarten, situated beneath the grand Castle Schwanenburg (Swan Castle).

We took an after-dinner stroll up the windy pathways to the top of the hill in order to take in the 10th Century castle in all its glory.

The building has enjoyed a varied life, having been occupied by the dukes of Kleve from its founding until the 18th Century, when it fell in to use by the local government.

It later served as a prison before being transformed into a museum, a use it retains to this day.

The following day – known forever as The Day of the Forced River Row – began brightly, with an interesting Gecco bike ride through the award-winning gardens in Kleve to the river Rhine.

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you find yourself in a rear-facing pedal seat.

Our row-athon followed, taking us from Germany to Holland.

After a cool-down period and some one-on-one counselling we were whisked away to Nijmegen, the oldest city in Holland.

We were treated to a relaxing tour of the historic city, which celebrated its 2,000th anniversary in 2005.

The city is most recently famed for being caught up in fighting during the Second World War, owing to its proximity to a key river crossing.

The Allies launched Operation Market Garden, the largest airborne operation of all time, in a bid to secure vital bridges between Nijmegen and Eindhoven.

Our final stop was at the Kroller-Muller Museum, in Veluwe, famed for housing one of the world's largest collections of Van Gogh paintings.

The four-day Rhine region tour is perfect for families looking to take in culture on the move. Through flying in to Germany and out of Holland you are forced to keep travelling, rather than settling in one place.

There is plenty of history on offer along a short distance of the Rhine and more than enough to keep the youngsters entertained.

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MOTORS NEWS



Be quick for a sporting chance with Mondeo

FORD has created a Mondeo Sport special edition, combining some £2,000 of extras for new 60 Reg sales.

But just 3,000 customers, can enjoy those goodies including sat nav, automatic headlamps, rain-sensing wipers, 17-inch alloys and front and rear parking sensors.

The Sport starts at £18,795 for the petrol version and costs just £300 more than equivalent Zetec models.

Diesel power is also offered along with four colours and a choice of five-door hatch and estate bodystyles.



Major spruce up hitting the right Note for Nissan

NISSAN has issued a timely memo that it does not only produce crossovers like the popular Qashqai and new Juke.

The update comes through a major revision for its Note five-door model (from £10,895), though this versatile family hatchback cum MPV is almost a crossover itself. The Note's exterior has had a major spruce up and the quality and versatility of the sound systems have also been boosted, while affordability is enhanced by a package including two years' free servicing.



Swedish reminder for Saab's all-new saloon

REBORN Swedish brand Saab is harkling back to its roots with a new advertising campaign for the all-new 9-5 saloon (from £26,495).

The muscular executive model is being billed as "So Swedish, So Powerful, So Aerodynamic" in a campaign to put both car and company back in the limelight after Saab's merger with the Dutch Spyker supercar marque earlier this year.

The once fiercely independent carmaker had been released from an unsuccessful period as part of General Motors.



OPEN UP: Parents with small children will benefit the most from Vauxhall's 'FlexDoor' system used on the second generation Meriva which can swing open to nearly 90 degrees

Vauxhall's Meriva is more than just a re-varnish job

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL MERVIA

BY STEVE LOADER

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you could probably park a baby in there except that you'd be in trouble with social services.

Engine options include new generation small capacity turbocharged petrol engines.

The efficient fuel consumption – from an average mpg in the mid-40s – and extra power of these boosted units renders the normally-aspirated 1.4 entry unit almost surplus to requirements.

However, even the racier, cleaner and meaner petrol engines may have a job outselling the diesels, including a 1.3-litre capable of averaging nearly 60mpg and a miserly ecoFLEX variant due later in 2010.

Nevertheless, our 120PS (118bhp) output 1.4-litre turbocharged petrol test car highlighted how petrol is charging back aided by the lightness and smoothness of the powerplant versus an equivalent diesel.

It made it easy to forget you were driving an MPV and the Astra-derived chassis felt taut and responsive enough for rare occasions when a car like this is not crammed with kids.

The cabin is predictably airy and the Meriva would be easy to live with and even rather stylish. It is certainly more memorable and likely to sell better than its predecessor.



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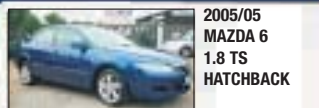
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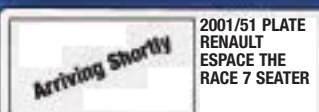
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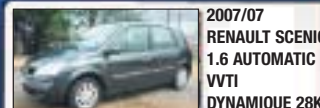
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New borrowers find fixed-rate mortgages more attractive deal

FIXED-RATE mortgages look more appealing to homeowners than they have been in previous months, according to leading independent mortgage and remortgage advisors John Charcol.

Latest figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that fixed-rate deals accounted for 48 per cent of new borrowers taking out a mortgage in June, the highest proportion so far this year.

Fixed rates have fallen in popularity this year due to the historically low base rate of interest, but with prices falling they are beginning to find favour again.

Ray Boulger, senior technical manager at John Charcol, said the gap between tracker rates and fixed rates has fallen in recent months, partly because a number of mortgage lenders have begun to increase their tracker rates.

"Although I think trackers generally still offer better value, you can certainly make out a much better case for buying a fixed rate now because the gap between trackers and fixed rates has narrowed," he said.

This is particularly true for five-year and other longer-term fixed-rate deals, he added.

Kitchens going back to more natural look

NATURE-INSPIRED decor is on-trend this summer, Stonehouse Tiles has said, with more people looking to use tiles in this kitchen.

Simon Errill, managing director of Stonehouse Tiles, said natural stone tile floors and worktops are a great way for homeowners to get a unique look – which may also be important to sellers looking to make their property more attractive.

"Using natural materials in the home, such as wood, stone and wool are on-trend as consumers look to bring the outside in this year, creating a more earthy environment – so a natural stone-tiled floor or work service is the perfect finish for any kitchen," he said.

Cream, beige, oyster and stone are still the shades making up the nation's 'comfort zone' in interior decor, according to a recent Daily Telegraph article.

However, the more adventurous are choosing spicy oranges, tropical blues, grass greens, turquoises and purples.



A SIGN OF THE TIME: The Council of Mortgage Lenders said there was fall in the number of properties being repossessed in the second quarter of this year, down 2,400 on 2009

Fall in repossession rates sign of economic stability

■ BY NICK AMES

THE number of homes being repossessed across the country is falling.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders in the UK has confirmed a reduction in the figure over the second quarter of this year.

This was despite the fact recent information on the UK property sector seemed to indicate a downturn in both business and property prices.

A total of 9,400 properties were repossessed in the three months to June 2010, which is down 400 from the previous quarter and down 2,400 compared with the same period last year.

As a consequence, the Council of Mortgage Lenders has revised its forecast for repossessions for the full year to 39,000, against an initial forecast last year of 53,000.

This also compares favourably with the total of 47,700 properties repossessed during the whole of 2009.

Again this would appear to indicate that fewer people are falling behind with their mortgage payments, which would in itself indicate an improvement, or at least stability in the UK economy.

However, this comes at a time when the public-sector budget is being slashed, the economic revival appears to be flagging and UK property prices have begun a downturn.

Whether or not the new forecast of 39,000 repossessions in 2010 is revised – if the economy does falter in the second half of this year – remains to be seen.

The latest figures show UK house prices were little changed in July and will struggle to rise during the rest of the year, property consultancy Acadametrics said.

Emergency

Prices in England and Wales rose 0.1 per cent from June, when they fell by the same amount, the group said in a statement in London.

Values are up 8.1 per cent from a year earlier to an average £220,685.

Acadametrics chairman Peter Williams said: "Continuing low interest rates are helping. We are clearly in a period of considerable

uncertainty and, at best, the market is likely to continue to remain close to flat."

Home-buying may be restrained by weakening consumer confidence as the Government prepares the biggest spending squeeze since the World War Two to tackle the record deficit.

Bank of England policymakers maintained emergency stimulus for the economy this month, and Governor Mervyn King said the UK faced a "choppy" recovery.

The increase in house prices in July was the first since February and came as the number of transactions rose 11 per cent from June to about 72,100 as more people put their properties on the market, the report said.

Nationwide Building Society's index of UK consumer sentiment fell in July to a 15-month low of 56 last month.

There was concern that the Government's fiscal plans would curb economic growth and erode spending power.

Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne will raise sales tax to 20 per cent from the current 17.5 per cent in January and the Bank of England has cut its forecasts for growth.

Homeowners not motivated into having a greener home

DESPITE the fact many homeowners are aware of the benefits of adding energy efficiency measures such as solar panels to their homes, this is not reflected in the number of people who actually carry out the changes, the National

Home Improvement show has said. Michael Holmes, spokesman for the show, said there remains a gap between "understanding and implementation" of green home improvements, as people are good at looking at short-term gains, but

less so at longer-term benefits. "Future savings on both money and reducing carbon footprints over time is not motivation enough for many home improvers to outlay cost now, when they are already cash strapped, for returns which

could be gained later," he said. B&Q owner Kingfisher reported last month that like-for-like UK sales fell by 4.4 per cent in the ten weeks leading up to July 10, indicating perhaps that fewer Brits are renovating their homes overall.

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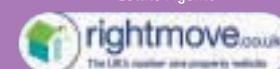
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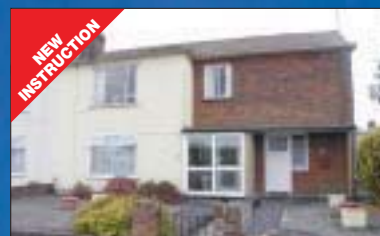
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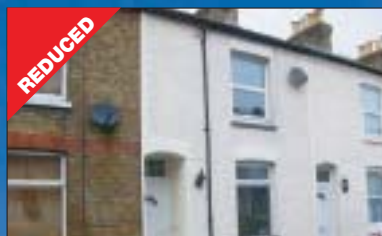
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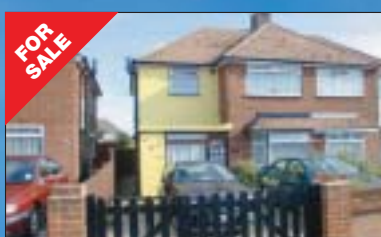
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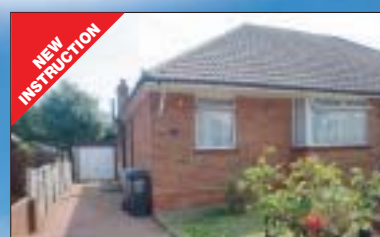
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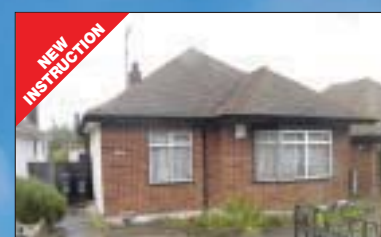
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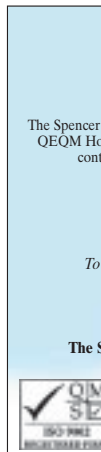


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CRICKET

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Kent League Division Two

Broadstairs 1st XI v Minster 1st XI

BROADSTAIRS moved ever closer to a return to Division One after a narrow two-wicket win at home to Minster.

The Thanet side sit second in Division Two, with a sizeable 11-point lead over third-placed Dartford with two games left to play.

On Saturday, just four island batters made it into double figures after Minster were asked to bat first. The Sheppey side came up against a Broadstairs attack that included former Kent and Worcestershire left-arm seamer Alamgir Sheriyyar, and the pacemen proved too good for the Islanders on his way to claiming 4 for 49.

Squeeze

Jordan Weller hit 31 for Minster, but that was the only real score of note as Broadstairs applied the squeeze with the ball. Michael Ross also picked up 4 for 25 as he and Sheriyyar terrorised the visitors, who could manage just 118.

As so often is the case, it was up to the Minster bowling attack to get the side back in the game and they did not disappoint.

Fast bowler Nathan Nichol proved economical, recording figures of 2 for 23 off 15 overs, but it was home skipper Scott Narraway that proved the difference between the two sides.

Narraway hit a measured 58 and led from the front as wickets tumbled at the other end. In the end, Broadstairs scraped home by two wickets with just over three overs to spare.

Broadstairs hang on to beat Minster



ACCURACY: Broadstairs' bowling attack were in fine form, with Michael Ross and Alamgir Sheriyyar sharing eight wickets

SCORE CARD

Minster 1st XI

	Runs
Gareth Whetnall lbw b Sheriyyar	9
James White b Sheriyyar	24
Nick Walshaw b Ross	4
Andy Hosken lbw b Ross	0
Mark Tucker b Sheriyyar	15
Nathan Nichol lbw b Ross	0
Jordan Weller ct L Narraway b Frewin	31
Callum Hughes ct Denning b Sheriyyar	4
Paul Woodford b Ross	7
Mike Rees b Narraway	10
Martin Hammond not out	4

Extras (3lb 7w) 10
Total (all out, 38.3 overs) 118

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Bradley Ellison	4	0	23	0
Alamgir Sheriyyar	15	4	49	4
Michael Ross	15	6	25	4
Liam Narraway	4	0	18	1
Oliver Frewin	0.3	0	0	1

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross ct Walshaw b Nichol	9
Scott Narraway ct Whetnall b Rees	58
Alex Hogben lbw b Hammond	1
David Cooper lbw b Nichol	0
Neil Brennan run out	17
Jake Benfield ct Nichol b Tucker	0
Linton Denning c&b Tucker	13
Alamgir Sheriyyar ct Walshaw b Rees	2
Liam Narraway not out	0
Bradley Ellison not out	4
Oliver Frewin did not bat	

Extras (2b 2lb 11w 1nb) 16
Total (8 wickets, 46.1 overs) 120

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Martin Hammond	15	6	43	1
Nathan Nichol	15	8	23	2
James White	2	0	14	0
Mark Tucker	8	4	10	2
Mike Rees	6.1	1	26	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

East Langdon 1st XI v Nelson 1st XI

NELSON'S weak total of 186 for 8 never looked enough on Saturday and so it proved as East Langdon strolled home by seven wickets and with overs to spare.

Several batsmen were able to get themselves in, but failed to go on and reach the substantial score needed to help their team to a more competitive score in excess of 220. Skipper David Walton hit 20 and bowled economically, but the rest of the attack suffered as East Langdon won with more than six overs to spare.

Nelson 1st XI

	Runs
James Cotton	0
Glenn Tift	39
Zeeshan Sheikh	2
Kartik Bhudia	19
David Walton	20
Stuart Cotton	33
Thomas Walton	11
Alan Nicholson	23
Amjad Awan	0
James Shoobridge	8
Charlie Cotton	0
Extras	31
Total	186

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Doble	12	2	50	1
Christopher Broom	12	3	34	2
Matthew Applebee	12	1	50	3
Muhammed Saeed	10	3	24	1

East Langdon 1st XI

	Runs
Christopher Broom	21
Wayne Smith	63
Joseph Wilcox	15
Murray Allen	48
Barry Wire	18
Matthew Applebee	0
Ben Doble	0
John Sheather	0
Andrew Buller	0
Muhammed Saeed	0
Omair Miah	0
Extras	22
Total	187

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Shoobridge	6	2	21	1
Alan Nicholson	5	0	20	0
Charlie Cotton	5	0	26	1
David Walton	8	1	25	0
Thomas Walton	7	0	40	0
Amjad Awan	6	1	27	0
Zeeshan Sheikh	2.3	1	12	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

Old Hartsdonians 1st XI v Goodnestone Park 1st XI

ASTON and John Smith combined to lead Old Hartsdonians to a routine five-wicket win against Goodnestone Park.

The visitors scored 187 for 8 after batting first with Stafford Cox claiming 3 for 28 and Aston Smith 2 for 46.

After the home side lost early wickets, Aston Smith (41 not out) and John Smith (38 not out) came together to lead Old Harts home with two overs to spare.

Goodnestone Park 1st XI

	Runs
Andy Brown	63
Andrew Scott	4
Alex Higson	39
Chris Norris	13
Glen Bicker	11
Steve Patfield	2
Peter Bradley	2
John Siddle	5
Chris Merton	2
Tom Kennett	5
Geoff Hack	0
Extras	35
Total	187

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jake Justice	5	0	22	1
Jarrett Smith	7	1	25	0
Aston Smith	12	1	46	2
Matt Williams	9	0	38	1
Sean Turner	5	1	21	0
Stafford Cox	8	0	28	3

Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

	Runs
Gary Wright	7
Andy West	0
Stafford Cox	37
Robert Guild	6
Matt Williams	27
John Smith	38
Aston Smith	41
Sean Turner	0
Jake Justice	3
Ryan Bing	0
Jarrett Smith	0
Extras	34
Total	190

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Higson	9	1	32	2
Peter Bradley	12	3	43	0
Andy Brown	5	1	31	1
Steve Patfield	10	1	46	1
Tom Kennett	8	1	26	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1C EAST

Ramsgate Corinthian 1st XI v Bapchild 3rd XI

DAVID Amos and Mitchell Dilkes starred with the ball for Ramsgate as they helped defend a total of 160 with ease.

They each claimed three wickets to bowl the ten-man visitors out for a paltry 71 in a superb display of seam bowling.

The home side were very much indebted to 68 from Adam Clark and Dilkes' 32 in a score of 160, but it was the bowlers that saved the day as they claimed the points with 24 overs to spare.

Ramsgate Corinthian 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew Tufts	0
David Lodge	0
Ross Howells	5
Mark Lewis	18
Mitchell Dilkes	32
Adam Clark	68
Vic Medus	5
David Amos	3
Kieron Ives	4
Sacha Dilkes	6
Nick Tufts	0
Extras	19
Total	160

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Hogg	12	2	34	2
Liam Ward	12	3	37	3
Oliver Blackburn	10	2	35	2
Bruce Tatton	9.2	0	39	3

Bapchild 3rd XI

	Runs
Cameron Archbold	32
Adrian Phillips	0
James Sutton	1
Liam Ward	2
Richard Phillips	2
Bruce Tatton	1
Oliver Blackburn	3
Chris Hogg	1
Steve Hogg	8
Richard Archbold	8
Extras	16
Total	74

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
David Amos	11	4	31	3
Mitchell Dilkes	10	1	30	3
Kieron Ives	0.5	0	4	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 2C

EAST & CENTRAL

St Margaret's 2nd XI v Hunton Wanderers 2nd XI

AN all-round performance with bat and ball helped St Margaret's second string to a comfortable 128-run win against Hunton Wanderers.

Tim Kremer hit a half-century, while contributions from Josh Mills and Stuart Milroy helped the home side to a competitive 210, although they were bowled out with nine overs remaining of their allocation. That, however, had no effect on the game as Adrian Hulks and Steve Blackman combined to share six wickets as Hunton were bowled out for just 82.

St Margaret's 2nd XI

	Runs
Tim Kremer	52
Liam Milroy	0
Stuart Mills	26
Russell Blackman	16
Stuart Milroy	39
Josh Mills	47
Steve Blackman	22
Mark Osmond	0
Adrian Hulks	0
Luke Redman	5
Alex Newson	0
Extras	12
Total	210

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Thomas Matthewson	10	2	51	2
Alan Snelling	7	1	39	2
John Joel	10	0	63	2
Ashley Maguire	4	0	28	0
Jonathan Seats	6	0	22	4

Hunton Wanderers 2nd XI

	Runs
Steve Vickers	0
Nigel Niblett	17
Craig Dalton	12
Graham Kapp	7
Jonathan Seats	6
Ashley Maguire	4
John Joel	10
Alex Birchley	0
Thomas Matthewson	5
Alan Snelling	5
Extras	16
Total	82

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Newson	6	3	13	2
Luke Redman	6	4	9	0
Adrian Hulks	8	2	22	3
Steve Blackman	8	2	27	3
Liam Milroy	0.2	0	0	1

Blues' comeback fails to impress frustrated boss

FOOTBALL

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Margate 2

Cloke 44, Grant 79

Canvey Island 2

Heale 6, Rowe 27



AN EVENTFUL opening day at Hartsdown Park left Margate boss Iain O'Connell unhappy with a draw despite his side being two goals down after half an hour.

Canvey Island only created two decent chances all game, but took both to build a first-half lead. Craig Cloke pulled a goal back a minute before half-time and Dean Grant smashed in an equaliser late in the second-half.

The Blues, playing with a strong breeze at their backs in the second-half, finished strongly but could not find a winner and had to settle for a share of the points. O'Connell told the club's website he felt his side had done enough to win the game.

He said: "I think it's two points lost in the end. If we had scored that second one a little bit earlier then definitely we should have had three points. We scored two and so did they so it was probably a fair result at the end of the day, but the boys are disappointed."



Picture: Dave Stewart

ON TARGET: Jean Michel Sigere scored Margate's first

"Even at 2-0 down I felt we would go on and win the game. In the second-half we dominated, the wind obviously made a difference, but obviously Canvey had it in the first-half. They really had two shots and scored two goals."

Canvey opened the scoring as early as the sixth minute after they won a free-kick 25 yards out. Danny Heale stepped up and curled a beauty into the top corner past a flat-footed Jamie Turner.

Margate starting XI



Subs used: Wilson (Sherman 46), Grant (Sigere 70), Winchcombe (Robinson 85)

Cloke almost conjured an immediate reply, but his header from Aaron Lacy's long throw smacked off the crossbar and away to safety.

Out of nowhere Canvey doubled their lead on 27 minutes. James Rowe made the most of some half-hearted tackles to guide a low drive past an exposed Turner.

Darren Marsden, who enjoyed an impressive competitive debut, saw a close range shot well saved before Cloke reduced the deficit in the 44th minute. Lacy's cross was helped on by Jean-Michel Sigere for Cloke to stab home.

Sigere came close to an equaliser after the break with a powerful shot which was well saved. With 20 minutes remaining he was replaced by Grant, who levelled the game shortly afterwards with a tremendous strike from an acute angle.

Canvey were forced to hang on in the final ten minutes, but despite heavy pressure the Blues could not find a winner.

O'Connell's side now have two tough away games in succession, visiting Croydon Athletic tonight before a trip to Lowestoft Town on Saturday.

FOOTBALL



Picture: Iain Kipko

CLOSE: James Gregory had one effort well saved

Rams well beaten in season opener

Walton & Hersham 3 Ramsgate 0

A BELOW par Ramsgate fluffed their lines on opening day as they were well beaten at the hands of Walton & Hersham.

The Swans were worthy winners at Stompond Lane, leading by a single goal at the break before adding two more in the second-half.

Conor Quinn was the busier of the two goalkeepers in the opening stages and the pressure yielded the first goal midway through the half. The visitors were unable to clear a goalmouth scramble, allowing Adrian Butler to score from close range.

Ramsgate's best spell came late in the half, when Warren Schulz and James Gregory forced saves from David Wilkinson.

The hosts doubled their lead through Ray Powell on the hour, prompting Rams boss Jim Ward to introduce Tom Tsangarides and Ashley Groombridge. It did little to change the game and Nick Barnes grabbed the third goal 12 minutes from time.

Ward told the club's website: "I'm hoping that Walton & Hersham were just a good team on the day and we weren't as poor as we looked, but there are a lot of lads that just didn't turn it on, especially after a great pre-season."

Ramsgate hosted Chipstead last night, log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for details. Godalming Town visit Southwood in the FA Cup on Saturday.



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Runners set to line-up for marathon effort round isle

ATHLETICS

A BUSY month lies ahead for Thanet Roadrunners AC as club members prepare to test themselves in a number of challenging races around the isle.

On September 5, the Kent Coastal Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run concurrently in Thanet, with both races getting under way at 9.30am.

The course takes runners towards Ramsgate before turning back towards Cliftonville, where the half-marathon runners finish their race at the 13.1-mile mark.

Meanwhile, the marathon runners continue, heading to Minnis Bay and back. A high-quality group of athletes is expected to contest at the front end of proceedings, although the flat nature of the route's latter stages allows room for well-prepared novice athletes.

The event also incorporates the Kent County Marathon Championships and the Southern Counties Vets Marathon Championships, so large numbers are anticipated.

The club's third organised race follows on September 26 with an off-road event which sends athletes along large stretches of the beach and then up steps to the cliff-top paths.

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Student insight into Dealerships Future Plans



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